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**CONSUMERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO USE LUNCH BOXES
DISTRIBUTED AS NUTRITION EDUCATION ITEMS**

SAN BERNARDINO. Dr. Mark Horton, Director of the CA Department of Public Health (CDPH), today urged consumers to stop using lunch boxes, distributed as CDPH nutrition educational items. Elevated levels of lead were found in three lunch boxes.

The canvas lunch boxes that showed elevated levels of lead were green with a logo reading EAT FRUITS & VEGETABLES AND BE ACTIVE. Approximately 56,000 of these lunch boxes have been distributed throughout California at health fairs and other events.

“All county residents are urged not use these lunch boxes and keep them away from infants and young children. The Department will no longer distribute lunch boxes until we are assured that each one is safe,” advised Dr. Margaret Beed, Health Officer, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health. The CDPH is assessing all health promotion items to ensure they are safe.

Individuals who have these lunch boxes should return them to one of the following San Bernardino County Department of Public Health clinic sites:

- **San Bernardino** – 799 East Rialto Avenue
- **San Bernardino** – 351 North Mt. View Avenue
- **Redlands** – 800 East Lugonia Avenue, Suite F
- **Fontana** – 17830 Arrow Boulevard
- **Ontario** – 1647 Holt Boulevard
- **Hesperia** – 16453 Bear Valley Road

Alternate sites where people can take the lunch boxes include the county's household hazardous waste collection facilities. **Call (909) 382-5401 or 1-800-OILY-CAT (645-9228) to verify operating hours prior to visiting one of the following collection centers:**

Valley Region

CHINO

Chino City Public Works Services Center
5050 Schaefer Avenue
Chino, CA
2nd & 4th Saturday 8 – 1

ONTARIO

Fire Station #3
1408 E. Francis Street
Ontario, CA
Friday & Saturday 9 – 2

RANCHO CUCAMONGA

Rancho Cucamonga HHW Facility
12158 Baseline
Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Saturday 8 - 12

REDLANDS

Redlands City Yard
500 Kansas Street at Park
Redlands, CA
Saturday 9:30 – 12:30

RIALTO

City Maintenance Yard
246 Willow Avenue
Rialto, CA
2nd & 4th Friday 9 – 11
2nd & 4th Saturday 9 – 2

SAN BERNARDINO

S.B. International Airport
2824 East "W" Street, Bldg. 302
San Bernardino, CA
Monday—Friday 9 – 4

UPLAND

Upland City Yard
1370 N. Benson
Upland, CA
Saturday 9 – 2

Mountain Region

CITY OF BIG BEAR LAKE

Public Service Yard
42040 Garstin Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA
Saturday 9 – 2

LAKE ARROWHEAD

Heaps Peak Transfer Station
29898 Highway 18
Lake Arrowhead, CA
2nd Saturday of month 9 - 2

Desert Region**APPLE VALLEY**

22411 Highway 18
Apple Valley, CA
1st & 3rd Saturday 10 – 2

BARSTOW

City Of Barstow Corporation Yard
900 South Avenue 'H'
Barstow, CA
Saturday 9 – 2

HESPERIA

Hesperia Fire Station
17443 Lemon Street
Hesperia, CA
Tuesday & Thursday 9 – 1
Saturday 9 – 3

JOSHUA TREE

West of Solid Management Bldg.
62499 29 Palms Highway
Joshua Tree, CA
3rd Saturday 9 – 1

VICTORVILLE

Victorville Fire Department
San Bernardino County Fairgrounds
East of Desert Knoll Drive on Loves Lane
Victorville, CA
Wednesday & Sunday 9 – 4

More information on Household Hazardous Waste Collection is available at the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Hazardous Materials Division website at <http://www.sbcfire.org/hazmat/hhw.asp> .

The CDPH lunch boxes that tested positive for lead were obtained through a manufacturer, TA Creations, which has factories in Canton, China.

In addition to the lunch boxes that tested positive for lead, San Bernardino County has used other CDPH lunch boxes as nutrition education items for the Network for a Healthy California Program and the Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Although these lunch boxes have not shown elevated levels of lead, Beed recommends consumers to stop using and dispose of these lunch boxes, and keep them away from young children as a precaution.

Approximately 300,000 lunch boxes were distributed statewide, and CDPH is conducting additional testing on them.

No known cases of lead poisoning have resulted from use of the lunch boxes.

For more information about lead poisoning, consumers are advised to contact the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health childhood lead poisoning prevention program at (909) 388-0400. Additional information is available at the CDPH web site at <http://cdph.ca.gov/healthinfo/discond/Pages/CLPPBChildrenATRisk.aspx>.



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